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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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| APPLICANTS:                   | Svend et al.                               | DOCKET NO. :      | 112740-201 |
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| INVENTION:                    | METHOD FOR TESTING SUBSCRIBER ACCESS LINES |                   |            |

10 Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified International Application before entry  
into the National stage before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C.

15 §371 as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the Specification of the present application, including the  
Abstract, with the following Substitute Specification: